

Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter



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Sunday 24th May 2026

We acknowledge that we meet and worship on the land of the Wadawurrung people and pay our respects to their elders past and present.

Find out more at www.wadawurrung.org.au.

Lectionary this week : Pentecost Acts 2:1-21 or Ps 104:24-34, 1 Cor 12:3b-13 Jn 20:19-23

This week we celebrate Pentecost. The term Pentecost comes from the Greek word "Pentekoste" meaning fiftieth, referring to the fiftieth day after Easter in Christianity.

It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus' followers, marking the birth of the Christian Church.

Torquay and Aireys are celebrating this together in Oak Tree Place. The room will be decorated in Red, streamers, tablecloths, and this week please do wear something red . Also bring along any red rose petals you may have .

Bellbrae will be celebrating in a reflective manner with a Taize service.

National Volunteer Week 2026 in Australia finishes today.

We celebrated with a morning tea at Bellbrae to say a big THANKYOU to all who help out at the OP Shop, OTP, and our churches. 26 folk enjoyed the delicious food and great company.

Thanks are not enough... you are all priceless!

Opportunities to volunteer in our church communities.

Come and Join the Oak Tree Place team. Each week we have about 200 people washing through OTP and this requires some housework to keep everything running smoothly. **Thank you to Marie Harding** who has joined our happy band to help with this. Tricia, Jane, and Robyn say a big.. Thank you.

More Volunteers are really needed as many of our folk are on Holidays over the next few months or recovering from ops and sickness. The Op Shop plays a vital role in our ministry here on the surf coast. Please volunteer for one session of 3hours a month....it will make a big difference.

A big thank you go to Marg Hirth, Val Clarke and Janice Evans for putting up their hands to join the OP shop roster. More are very welcome.

HIGH TEA PARTY
to support
Cottage by the Sea

28 MAY 2026 | AT 10.30AM
The Lakehouse
Kithbrooke Retirement Village,
350 Grossmans Road
Bellbrae 3228
Car parking in front of Club House
and walk over the bridge
RSVP: Robyn 0407 829 926 by 21 May.
Tickets \$20, Cash and EFTPOS available
Morning tea and raffle

Our usual coffee mornings at Bomboras have been cancelled due to other things occurring including Bomboras being closed.

So next Thursday.. May 28th, why not go along to the Fundraiser for Cottage by the Sea at Kithbrook.. See the notice above.



Aireys Inlet St Aidan's Church, 29 Great Ocean Rd, Aireys Inlet. *Sunday Worship at 9.30am*
Bellbrae: Uniting Church. School & Anglesea Roads, Bellbrae. *Sunday Worship at 11am.*
Torquay: Torquay Uniting Church, 27 Anderson Street, Torquay. *Sunday Worship at 9.30am*

Find us at : www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au

ON Facebook: Surf Coast Uniting Church and Bellbrae Opshop and Bookroom

Regular Surfcoast Uniting Events

- **Beaut Beans** meet at Torquay each Tuesday at 10am to knit and crochet, socialise and plan their donations.
- **Coffee at Bomboras** every Thursday at 10.30am. Come and Go as you please, take time to chat and rest.
- **Calvary Elouera Aged Care** Rev Tina and Robyn H lead this precious Ministry monthly on the first Thursday.
- **OPSHOP and BOOKSHOP at Bellbrae - every Friday and Saturday from 10am to 4pm** Call Doreen to add your name to the roster (0479 164 938). We'd love to have you. Full training provided.
- **Aireys Inlet Lunch at the Pub** held on the first Friday of each month. Enjoyed by locals & the Aireys congregation. All are welcome.
- **Prayer Shawl group...** contact Marilyn Wendt if interested in joining this faithful group.
- **Silent Worship** i Meeting in a private home to explore and to evaluate this type of our spiritual engagement. Monthly on the second Thursday, 7.00 to 9.00pm
Contact Jill on 0417 798 396

Hope you can join us at the next

Uniting Grovedale monthly book sales on:

- **Friday 6th June & Saturday 7th June**
- **Friday 3rd July & Saturday 4th July**

at the Uniting Grovedale site (272 Torquay Road, corner of Reserve and Torquay Roads) between **10.00am – 2.00pm**

Plenty of books to browse through only a \$1, with children's books .50c.

Next week's Newsletter will be created by Alan H, as Tricia and Jane enjoy a Yoga retreat in sunny Bali.



Dates for the Diary:

Next week's service May 31st is Trinity Sunday.

There will be one combined service held at Bellbrae Uniting at 11:00am.

A service at Elouera will be held on June 4th at 2:15pm.

Campfire Church - Rev Tina



Come and join us for **Campfire church at Aireys Inlet on Sunday 7th June at 9:30am** (The Kings Birthday long weekend)

(Opposite the General store at the Top Shops)

Come and join us and share stories and music around the campfire, and sing songs.

We will have candle prayers, hot chocolate and will toast marshmallows.

(Parents will be required to supervise children)

If you play the ukulele, guitar or mandolin please bring your instrument

and come along and sing a campfire song with us.

Please pray for our service and all who come to be blessed.

Holy Spirit, come like a rushing wind. Sweep away our fears, ignite our hearts with Your fire, and fill us with courage to live boldly for Christ. May Your presence transform our words, our actions, and our thoughts, so that we may reflect Your love in all we do.

Amen

Thanks for the Council Cancer Biggest morning tea.

Thank you letters have been distributed to our generous sponsors - Beach Willow Nursery, Torquay Books, Routley's Bakery and Bellbrae Opshop & Bookroom. all these retailers were delighted everything went well, and I encourage you to support their local businesses in our area.

Over \$2,000 will be sent to the Cancer Council as the Torquay Council kindly agreed to match all donations received on the day.

Thanks again for your help in baking, publicising, sweeping, cleaning and enjoying the day .

Tricia and Team.

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BELLBRAE BRIC-A-BRAC OP SHOP & BOOK ROOM : Uniting Church Hall, School Road. Bellbrae
Open Fridays and Saturdays 10am to 4pm.

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